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CHEMICAL AND PETRO-CHEMICAL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the on going chemical and petro-chemical projects and progress thereof;

(b) the target date set for the completion and commercial production of each of those projects; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b): The Government approved the Assam Gas Cracker Project during 2006-07.The implementation schedule approved is 60 months from the date of financial closure.However, Brahmaputra Cracker & Polymer Limited have submitted a 60 months Project Work Schedule starting April 2007The project will produce Polypropylene (PP) 60,000 TPA and High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)/Linear Low Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) 220,000 TPA.

(c): The present status is as under:

i) An Agreement for constituting Joint Venture Company was executed on 18.10.2006, namely M/s Brahmaputra Cracker & Polymer Limited which was incorporated on 8th January 2007.

ii) The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India laid the foundation stone of M/s Brahmaputra Cracker & Polymer Limited of Assam Gas Cracker Project at Lepetakata, District Dibrugarh, Assam on 9.4.2007.

iii) The Registered Office at Guwahati and Project Office at Dibrugarh have been made operational. Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Chief Finance Officer (CFO) have been posted.

iv) 2692 bighas (approx 890 Acres) of land, out of approx 1108 Acres needed for the project have been acquired by BCPL.

v) Feedstock Gas Supply Agreements (GSA) have been signed with M/s Oil India Limited (OIL) and with M/s ONGC on 19.9.2007 & 15.10.2007 respectively, and Naphtha Supply with M/s Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) signed on 19.9.2007.

vi) Oil Industries Development Board has agreed to offer a term loan of Rs.327 crore. Discussions with other Financial Institutions are under progress.

vii) Brahmaputra Cracker & Polymer Ltd. (BCPL) has awarded Project Management Consultants (PMC) job to M/s Engineers India Limited.

viii) Necessary Environmental and Pollution clearance both from State and Ministry of Environment & Forest has been obtained.

ix) Training programme on development of skilled manpower has been initiated.

x) A Monitoring Committee is in place since May 2006, under the Chairpersonship of the Secretary C&PC, which regularly reviews the progress of the implementation of the Assam Gas Cracker Project.

xi) Rs. 30 crores has been released by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals Government of India towards Capital Subsidy for implementation of the project.